

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 963
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Byron Gallimore for his successful music career.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennesseans who have enjoyed noteworthy accomplishments in their chosen professions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byron Gallimore is one such noteworthy individual who is deserving of the recognition of this body; he has brought the joy of artistic expression and musical culture to the citizens of this State through his successful career in Country Music as a writer, publisher and producer; and

WHEREAS, a native of Henry County and the son of Daron and Virginia Gallimore, Byron was raised on his family's farm in Puryear and grew up in a music-loving family who evinced their Christian faith by singing gospel songs; and

WHEREAS, as a young boy, Byron entered and performed in numerous talent shows and he has been involved with music for most of his life; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Murray State University with a degree in Engineering, Byron Gallimore chose to return to farming and built a successful farming operation while

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continuing to follow his musical dream. Farming provided him with enough extra time in the winter months to build a sixteen track-recording studio on his farm; it was not long thereafter that this exceptional young man was traveling to Nashville to promote his demos; and

WHEREAS, with the help of his good friends, Don Ridgeway and Kay Smith, Byron was able to secure a publishing deal with the famed Dick James Music Company, the owner of the Beatles catalog. After winning the Music City Song Festival in 1980, Byron quickly made the adjustment from the science of row crop farming to the artistry of Music Row; and

WHEREAS, after three years with Dick James Publishing, Byron began working for Charley Pride, who was truly an inspiration to him; Mr. Gallimore eventually became President of Pride Music in Nashville and has served as the head of that company for nine outstanding years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his music publishing business, Byron is a much sought-after independent producer, having produced numerous hits for many successful artists, including Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Phil Vassar, Jo Dee Messina, Jessica Andrews, and The Clark Family Experience, and for new artists Holly Lamar and Marcell; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by his peers for the excellence of his work and the magnitude of his talent, Byron has been recognized by *Billboard Magazine* for three consecutive years as the "#1 Hot Country Producer of the Year"; this honor has been bestowed upon Byron for having produced the most charted singles each year for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, his many honors and accolades aside, Mr. Byron Gallimore is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his devoted wife, Missi Callis Gallimore. He is the proud father of two daughters, Sophia and Ella Rose, and two sons, Eric and Brad; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Bryon Gallimore for his stalwart dedication to his art and for his many years of accomplishment and success in the music industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. Byron Gallimore for his award-winning career in Country Music and salute his determination, hard work, and unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to Byron and his family our fondest wishes for much continued success, good health, and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.